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Illinois by the president, or that tenure of office is insecure because of autocratic administration; therefore, without entering at all into a discussion of the case referred to in said articles, be it

*Resolved*, by the senate of the University of Illinois (a body which includes all heads of departments and full professors in the university), that it is our belief that each member of the faculty has entire freedom of opinion, that he is free to express his opinions on all matters of university administration and educational policy to his colleagues and to the president without interference and without fear that it will endanger his position.

*Resolved*, That we hereby express our confidence in the president of the university and our conviction that he administers his high office as a colleague rather than as a superior.

*Resolved*, That in the opinion of the university senate the course of the administration has been such as to stimulate to a marked degree the higher scientific and educational interests of the university.

*Resolved*, That as members of the faculty we assure the president of our loyal and hearty support in the varied and difficult responsibilities imposed upon him as the executive head of this university.

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#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

THE Draper's Company will erect for Oxford University an electrical laboratory at a cost of £22,000 and will give an additional sum of £1,000 for its equipment.

THE H. K. Cushing Laboratory of Experimental Medicine at Western Reserve University will be dedicated on Friday, November 20, at 2 o'clock, when Professor William H. Welch, of the Johns Hopkins University, will make the address.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY has bought within the past year for the benefit of the College of Agriculture and the Veterinary College approximately 500 acres of ground lying contiguous to its other holdings.

MRS. MARY FISKE SPENCER, of Oberlin, has presented to the botanical laboratory at Oberlin College a collection of seven thousand European plants, gathered during twenty-five years of residence in Munich.

THE council of the Royal College of Surgeons, of London, has adopted resolutions which will in future admit women to the examinations of the conjoint examining board in England, to the examination for the diploma in public health, to the examinations for the fellowship, and to the examinations for the license in dental surgery.

DR. FLORIAN CAJORI, head professor of mathematics in Colorado College, has again accepted the deanship of the Engineering School.

DR. DANIEL STARCH, instructor in experimental psychology in Wellesley College, has been appointed instructor in psychology in the University of Wisconsin.

DR. T. H. McHALTON has resigned as horticulturist of the Georgia Experiment Station, to take the position of adjunct professor in charge of the Horticultural Department of the Georgia State College of Agriculture at the University of Georgia, Athens.

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#### DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

##### DR. O. P. HAY ON THE SKULL OF DIPLODOCUS

My attention has been called to-day to an article in *SCIENCE* from the pen of my friend, Dr. O. P. Hay, in which he indulges in certain criticisms of my paper on the "Osteology of *Diplodocus*" published in the *Memoirs* of the Carnegie Museum, Volume II, page 225 *et seq.*

"*Humanum est errare*," and it is quite possible I have made mistakes. I shall be glad to accept corrections when I am convinced they are well founded. Until, however, I have time to reexamine the whole subject I am not inclined to adopt Dr. Hay's opinion as final. His *ipse dixit* does not carry conviction with it, especially as I am aware that he is only beginning his studies in this difficult field of investigation. We all acknowledge him to be a competent student of the Testudinata, but his investigations as to the skulls of the dinosauria are of quite recent origin.

Leaving out of sight difficult questions which relate to the interpretation of the foramina of the skull intended to give exit to